

## REMARKS

This application pertains to a novel mass transfer apparatus.

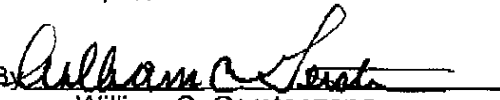
Claims 1 to 11 and 13-22 are pending.

This Supplemental Rule 111 Amendment is being filed to correct certain typographical errors, and to improve the consistency of the language of the dependent claims with respect to the independent claims. More specifically, the "A" in claim 1 is amended to --a--, "distributor element" in claim 3 is being amended to "distributor", to be consistent with claim 1, and "said vessel" in claims 9, 11 and 20 is being amended to "said at least one vessel", to be consistent with claim 1.

These amendments introduce no new matter, and are made solely to improve the form of the claims.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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